

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ROAD LINKAGE BETWEEN PARADIP PORT IRON ORE MINES AND STEEL PLANT

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Central Sector Project is under consideration of the Government to provide road linkage between Paradip Port Iron ore mines in Keonjhar district and the steel plant in Kalinga Nagar in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the estimated cost of the Project and the fund sanctioned therefor; and
- (c) the target date fixed for the completion of road linkage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c) The National Highways connecting Paradip port to the iron ore mines of Keonjhar District and the steel plant of Kalinga Nagar are proposed to be widened to 4-lanes. Four laning of stretch of National Highway No. 5A from Paradip Port to Chandikhole is in progress at an estimated cost of Rs.428 crore and likely to be completed by June 2007. Four laning of stretch of National Highway No.5 from Chandikhole to Panikoili has already been completed in May 2005. The stretches of National Highway No.215 from Panikoili to Roxy and of National Highway No. 200 from Chandikhole to Duburi via Kalinga Nagar are included under NHDP-IIIA at an estimated cost of about Rs.490.00 crore and Rs.160 crore respectively. Bids for preparation of DPR for four laning of these stretches have been invited. Both the projects are targeted for completion by December 2009.